

LORIMER IS CLEARED OF ALL GUILT

In Connection with Bribing Legislature for the Senatorship.

NO EVIDENCE FOUND

Against Him Says the Subcommittee of the Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Senator Lorimer is absolved of the charge of having obtained his seat by bribery in the report of the subcommittee of the Senate committee made today. The full committee will meet Tuesday and act upon the report.

The subcommittee is united in asserting that the evidence does not show that Lorimer was connected with any alleged distribution of money to influence the legislature in preference of himself for the senatorship.

Secretary of War Dickinson today sent to the House a letter in reply to the McLachlan resolution concerning the adequacy of the national defenses. The letter discusses the situation briefly, but the secretary's report recently submitted to the House and withdrawn will not be re-submitted.

JURY HANGS

In the Attorney Charles Erbstein Case in Chicago and is Discharged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—After twenty hours' deliberation the jury in the trial of Attorney Charles Erbstein charged with bribing a juror, today announced that it could not agree, and was discharged.

MILLS CLOSE

For General Repairs and Will Remain Closed a Week or Two.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the mills of the Phillips Sheet and Tin Plate Company were closed down for general repairs. The mills will remain closed at least one week and possibly two weeks. The company will observe pay day next Saturday. It is stated that about \$26,000 will be paid at that time to its employees.

MONEY FOUND

In Possession of Jail Prisoner When Searched Second Time.

Clever concealment or the strange acquisition of \$30 in money by Edward Edwards, a prisoner in the county jail, has mystified police officers and the jail keepers.

Edwards was put in jail in default of bond Thursday to await the action of the next grand jury on a charge of robbing A. B. Ball of \$60 Tuesday night in Glen Elk. He was arrested by city policemen and when first committed to jail Police-man James Simms searched him thoroughly in an effort to find any of the alleged stolen money in his possession. The policeman stripped the man of all his clothing and examined every piece of it minutely but without result.

Friday night Police Chief Harry L. Brooks received a "tip" that Edwards had some money in his possession so Saturday morning the chief went into Edwards's cell, searched him again and found \$30 in money in his clothes. How he came into possession of the money is a puzzle unless he played a very clever trick of concealment when he was first searched.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued by W. Guy Tetrick, county clerk, and his deputies to Celestine Barr and Ed. Moller and Jesse C. Cline and Hattie B. Stalnaker.

The Hills of Zacatecas Furnish Good Hiding Place For Rebels



The time is not far off when Mexico is to be the scene of a civil war, according to students of history. The recent troubles, while they have been held in check by the government, headed by Diaz, are but the forerunner of a long conflict. That the struggle will be a long one is conceded by every one. Mexico, with her barren mountains, desert plains and wonderful tropical growth, beautiful vegetation and fertile ground, offers a combination for hiding and fighting that will baffle many of the leaders. There are miles and miles of mountains in Mexico around Zacatecas where not a sign of vegetation can be found. The hiding places for bands of outlaws are ideal. The death of Diaz means a struggle of the warring factions for control. This wonderful man has ruled Mexico with an iron hand. He has done much for the country, and while he is called a dictator, his services have been of untold value. Politicians have chafed over the long rule of Diaz and if they cannot wrest the government away from him while he is alive they will endeavor to do so after his death.

MAY ABOLISH THE CRIMINAL COURT

Movement is On to Increase Number of Circuit Judges in the State.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 17.—That the coming session of the legislature will try to abolish the criminal and intermediate courts in counties having such tribunals has become known here. The movement is on for an increase in the number of circuit judges and a cutting down of the circuits. It is said that Governor Glasscock favors such legislation and close friends of his say he will recommend the change in his message to the legislature.

Eleven counties of the state have courts of limited jurisdiction, some of them for the trial of criminal cases and others for the trial of such cases as might be credited down from the circuit courts. Those back of the movement claim that it will be more satisfactory to have an increased number of circuit courts.

The following counties have criminal courts: Mingo, Harrison, Mercer, Raleigh, Fayette, Wood, Ohio, McDowell and Cabell.

Marion and Kanawha counties have intermediate courts.

MRS. SIDEBOTTOM'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of Mrs. Jefferson Sidebottom, who died Friday at Mt. Clare, will be held Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the residence, instead of 10 o'clock as previously announced. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. The deceased woman was a sister of Miss Mabel Lee of this city.

MOORE DENIES

Charges Made Against Weather Bureau by a Former Employee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Chief of the United States Weather Bureau Moore, who is here, today denied the charges of mismanagement, extravagance and irregularities in his department made by James Berry, a former employee, yesterday in Washington.

FOULKE TALKS

On An Interesting Topic Before American Society in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—William Dudley Foulke, president of the National Municipal League, delivered an address on "The Concentration of Efforts upon Judicial Settlements of International Disputes," before the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes here today.

Lloyd M. Allen, of Sardis, was a city visitor Saturday.

NATION MUST RECKON WITH DEADLY FLIES

They Carry Death Everywhere and People Must Pay on Delivery.

ARE BEST TRAVELERS

Half Humorous and Half Serious Discussion Made of "Why is a Fly?"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—At the "Community Comfort" session of the American Civic Association, Dr. Woods Hutchinson delivered a half humorous, half serious address on the question, "Why is a Fly?"

"No longer to be dismissed with a contemptuous 'shoo,' but an influence to be reckoned with, the fly is a hustler from way back," said the speaker, "and he distributes samples of pestilence, marked D. O. D. 'Death on Delivery' with a lavish hand."

"We may admire him for his industry, pertinacity and business enterprise; we may even love him, lukewarmly, as one of God's creatures; but we had better wipe him gently but firmly out of existence just the same. He is the best traveling salesman known, carries a grip on each of his six legs, and a trunk in his head. His line of samples is extensive and will last from time to eternity. He is more of a nurseryman and tree agent than anything else, and only one whose seeds and cuttings bear blossoms and fruit equal to the pictures in the catalogue. In fact they bloom, never fading;—on the other side of the Jordan, or rather translate you to bloom there."

Among the specialties of the fly, Dr. Hutchinson mentioned:

"Bacillus Typhosus; (Eberth) hardly perennial, seldom known to winter, kills even in Alaska, heavy crop, produces 3,000 deaths annually in the United States. 5 Value of lives destroyed, \$100,000,000. One fifth of all who grow it guaranteed never to grow any other. Blossom, rose colored all over abdomen and chest. Fruit, cherry red deepening to black all through the intestines. No difficulty in disposing of the surplus to your neighbors. A splendid variety for both city and country trade. Strong, well rooted specimens, carefully selected from sewer mouths, now ready for delivery, F. O. F.—Free on Food."

He continued in the style of a seed catalogue, describing Cytoryctes Variolae, otherwise small pox, as a half hardy annual, now very rare though formerly a great favorite. Bacillus Tuberculosis is a half hardy perennial and old favorite, but delicate, easily sun blistered and will not grow in strong rich soils. Bacillus Shigae, Aerogenes Capsulatus, Amebæ Cell, etc., commonly known as summer complaint, cholera morbus, cholera infantum, etc., a very attractive group of quick flowering, tender annuals, specially adapted for kindergartens, colors black and white, resembling crepe and satin, with plumes on the ears. Wonderfully free bloomers, children cry for them, but seldom after them, crop for 1907, 40,000 dead babies, value \$20,000,000. No trouble at all to grow; all that is as guaranteed by the census bureau, needed is a baby, a little dirt, plenty of carelessness, and flies will do the rest. And so on through a grim and ghastly travesty of a seedman's catalogue Dr. Hutchinson proceeded, concluding with this warning:

"A fly in the house is as dangerous as a rattlesnake, as filthy as a louse, as disgraceful as a bedbug. The time will come when any modern cleanly home will feel itself ashamed and disgraced by the presence of a fly, and when every household upon whose premises a brood of flies is detected, will be fined heavily and sent to jail. The fly is the literal 'Eye of the Lord,' because he is in every place beholding evil and the good, especially the evil, for he loves to lay eggs in it. You can't hide dirt from a fly. He is also the most intimate and domestic animal we breed and keep: An ounce of cleanliness is worth a ton of fly paper and wire-screens. One half the money wasted on fly traps and window screens, one fifth the energy squandered in slapping and profanity, would clean up the back yard and wipe out the fly."

Shamrock II For Being Finest Steer In Country Is Doomed to Death

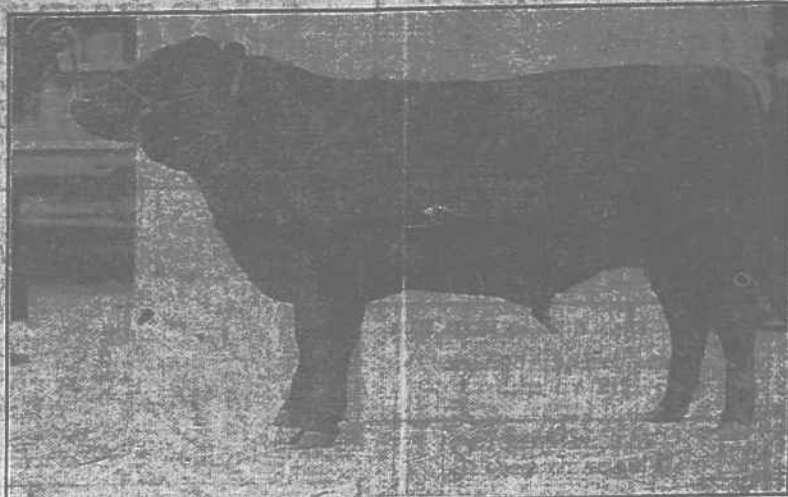


Photo by American Press Association.

Poor Shamrock II! He ate deep of the fine grass of Iowa, grew fat and sleek on mixed foods and had his back rubbed and scrubbed every day for ten short months. Life was a good thing to Shamrock II. Each day he grew sounder, happier, and then one day the Iowa State Agriculture college shipped Shamrock off to Chicago. There Richard A. Carden of County Tipperary, Ireland, said to be one of the finest judges of cattle in the country, saw the young steer and sealed his fate when he directed that he be given the blue ribbon. Shamrock II was killed, his 1,100 pounds of meat being pronounced as the best in the country. This is the third time that Iowa has won the first prize for raising the finest cattle.

WEALTHY FARMER SUED FOR DAMAGES

POULTRY SHOW

Will Be Held in the Armory in Glen Elk First Week in January.

Catalogues of the second annual exhibition of the Clarksburg Fanciers Club here will be issued within a day or two. The exhibition will open Monday, January 2, and continue five days. It is to be held in the armory in Glen Elk, where last year's exhibition was so successful.

The judge selected is J. A. McIntosh, of East Liverpool, O., who awarded the ribbons last season, at which time he gave such complete satisfaction that he was re-engaged. He will use every effort again to place the ribbons where they properly belong.

Many valuable premiums will be offered as inducements to poultry fanciers to exhibit fowls and bright is the prospect for an elaborate array of entries.

The officers of the club are J. G. Meredith president, E. R. Coffman vice president, W. R. Talkington secretary-treasurer, E. R. Coffman superintendent, A. L. Talkington assistant superintendent and F. G. Ireland doorkeeper.

GUILTY

Of Manslaughter is a Negro in Connection with the Newark Lynching.

NEWARK, O., Dec. 17.—Guilty of manslaughter was the verdict rendered today against Montella Watha, a Haytian negro, charged with having been a leader of the mob which lynched Carl Ehring-ton, a "dry" detective here July last. The case was given to the jury yesterday afternoon. Fourteen others are awaiting trial charged with murder in connection with the lynching.

AGENTS ON HAND

To Learn Who Burned a Cattle Man at the Stake in Texas.

ROCK SPRINGS, Tex., Dec. 17.—With half a dozen secret service agents of the United States government on the ground, the grand jury here today is investigating the lynching of Antonio Rodriguez who was burned at the stake after he shot his wife. He was a cattle man.

FOUR DEATHS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The first cold wave of winter has already caused four deaths. Much suffering has been brought to the poor. Warmer weather is predicted.

RECORD RUNS ROADS MAKE FOR ENVOY

Who Brings Christmas Greetings from London Daily Mail to Taft.

ROYAL BLUE FIGURES

Largely in the Visit of the Napoleon Journalist to This Country.

Lord Northcliffe, the journalist Napoleon of London, has pulled off a Christmas stunt that proves his title to be no misnomer. It was no less than sending one of his best men of the London Daily Mail, R. Holt, on the canarder, Mauretania, leaving London last Saturday noon to extend Christmas greetings in person to President Taft and return by the same ship today, thus, but twelve days away from the British metropolis.

Arrangements were made on this side through the New York Times, the managing editor of which paper, Carl Vananda, with T. Walter Williams and Percy Brown of his staff, together with F. W. Bullock, American representative of the Daily Mail, met the Mauretania in a special tug as she reached the Ambrose light. Coming up with her Mr. Holt was lowered over the ship's side when opposite Liberty Island to the deck of the tug. This was at 3:30 and at 4 o'clock Mr. Holt set foot on shore at the Jersey Central station, and four minutes later he moved out of the station on the Royal Blue special train that was awaiting the party. The ninety odd miles to Philadelphia was run in an hour and thirty-six minutes, another ninety odd miles to Baltimore in an hour and thirty-eight minutes and the remaining forty miles to Washington in forty minutes. All this running was from station to station, the time from New York to Washington being four hours and four minutes, which considering no notice had been received for the special, until after 3 o'clock the night before, was doing well.

Mr. Holt not only had an audience with President Taft, but as well with Vice President Sherman and Speaker Cannon, and leaving Washington at 1 o'clock, a record run was made over the Baltimore and Ohio to Baltimore in thirty-four and a half minutes. Mr. Holt and his party were taken on an automobile ride through Baltimore, after

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INDIAN WAR

Survivors Should Send in Their Names So as to Get Pensions.

Henry Hewger, national commander, and C. R. Hauser, national secretary, Indian War Veterans, with headquarters in Washington City and their postoffice box being 484 there, send out the following to all survivors of Indian wars:

We desire to obtain the addresses of all those who served on the frontier against the hostile Indians in the United States and volunteer service from the close of the Civil war until 1883, in order that their names may be placed on the books of the N. I. W. V. Association so that they may benefit by the Act pending before Congress, as soon as it becomes a law. Will send copy on application. The National Indian War Veterans, organized for the purpose of procuring pensions for its members, have sent two of its order, the national commander, Henry Hewger, and the national secretary, C. R. Hauser, to Washington, D. C., there to inaugurate a vigorous campaign for the purpose of accomplishing this object.

Those brave and noble soldiers who so valiantly defended and protected the western frontier in the early days, making it possible for the generation to develop its unlimited resources and to live in peace and prosperity, are surely entitled to the same recognition that this government so justly accords to survivors of other wars.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Wheat, 91 1-8; corn, 45 1-2; oats, 31 1-4.